

UTAH TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

February 13, 2015
West Valley City, Utah

The regular meeting of the Utah Transportation Commission was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by Chairman Jeffrey D. Holt, in the West Valley City Council Chambers, 3600 Constitution Boulevard, West Valley City, Utah. The following Commissioners, staff members and others were in attendance:

Jeffrey D. Holt, Chairman
J. Kent Millington, Vice-Chairman
Meghan Z. Holbrook, Commissioner
Wayne K. Barlow, Commissioner
Dannie R. McConkie, Commissioner
Naghi Zeenati, Commissioner
Gayle F. McKeachnie, Commissioner
LeAnn G. Abegglen, Commission Secretary
Shane Marshall, Deputy Director
Linda Hull, Director of Policy and Legis. Services
Cory Pope, Program Development Director
Jeff Harris, Program Development
Bill Lawrence, Program Development
John Gleason, Communications
Randy Park, Project Development Director
Robert Hull, Engineer for Traffic and Safety
Scott Jones, Traffic and Safety
Lyle McMillan, Director of Right of Way
Dian McGuire, Right of Way
Matt Swapp, Aeronautics
Kris Peterson, Region One Director
Rex Harris, Region One
Nathan Lee, Region Two Director
Robert Miles, Region Two
Teri Newell, Region Three Director
Eileen Barron, Region Three
Larry Montoya, Region Three
Jeff Gilbert, CMPO
Wayne Bennion, WFR

Mayor Ron Bigelow, West Valley City
Karen Lang, West Valley City Council
Dan Johnson, West Valley City
Mayor Larry Johnson, Taylorsville City
John Taylor, Taylorsville City
Jonathan Bowers, Herriman City
Bret Reynolds, Civco Engineering, Inc.
Joe Woolley, WW Clyde
Lee Davidson, SL Tribune
Jennifer Hall, Parsons
Ed Rock, Parsons Brinckerhoff
Kim Wilson, AMEC Foster Wheeler
Craig Friant, J-U-B Engineers
John Slippey, Hatch Mott MacDonald
Evan Nixon, Civil Science
Pete Marshall, HNTB
Charles Allen, InterPlan
Asia Alvord, HDR
Vern Keeslar, InterPlan
Brett Hadley, Stanley Consultants
Andrew Gemperline, Avenue Consultants
Tracy Conti, Horrocks
Tyler Yorgason, Jacobs
John Van Hoff, AECOM
Jamie White, Parsons Brinckerhoff
Brad Lucas, Jviation
Mitzi McIntyre, UT ACPA
Tyler Robirds, Lochner

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Zeenati moved to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2015, Commission meeting. Commissioner Millington seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION UPDATE

Chairman Holt moved this item up on the agenda. Linda Hull, Director of Policy and Legislative Services, gave an update on the current Legislative Session and reviewed several priority bills that UDOT is following closely, including HB 79 – Safety Belt Law Amendments; HB 80 – Transportation Project Amendments; SB 150 – Driving Under the Influence Sentencing Revisions, and HB 188 – Transportation Corridor Preservation Amendments.

LOCAL AREA PRESENTATION BY REGION TWO

Nathan Lee, Region Two Director, welcomed the Commission to Region Two and West Valley City. He said their presentation would focus on projects that will be under construction this and next summer. He then turned the time over to Robert Miles for the presentation. Projects reviewed in the presentation included Mountain View Corridor, Redwood at Bangerter Highway, Bangerter Interchanges, I-80; Silver Creek to Wanship, SR-36; 3 O'Clock Drive to 1200 North, I-215; 300 East to Redwood Road and 4700 South to SR-201, and various pavement rehabilitation projects.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Introductions were made of the Commission, UDOT staff, and others attending. Mayor Ron Bigelow from West Valley City welcomed the Commission to West Valley City. He mentioned the challenge he sees of a disconnect between the various levels of government – state, city and county – and gave an example of a lack of signal coordination. He also mentioned the challenge of east/west travel in their community and the difficulties they face in solving the problem, and the impact that Mountain View Corridor has had on their community. The city needs to work with UDOT to meet those challenges, because when partnerships work, they find the best solutions. Looking back several years, he sees the problem of not planning for the future. Mayor Larry Johnson introduced himself but said he had no comments to make at this time.

UDOT SCOREBOARD

Randy Park, Project Development Director, gave the report on the Construction program. Robert Hull, Engineer for Traffic and Safety, gave the report for the Safety program. There was extensive discussion regarding seat belt use and the proposed seat belt law being discussed in this year's legislative session.

OGDEN CANYON STUDY UPDATE

Rex Harris from Region One said a mobility study for the SR-39 corridor in Ogden Canyon began last fall. They are wrapping up the study and will be back in two months with a full report of the results. They have been collecting data and obtaining public input as to what the most significant issues are involving transportation in the corridor. Mr. Harris noted that they have had great participation and have received over 1000 comments. The two biggest issues that have surfaced are bikes in the canyon and trucks in the canyon, and they will have some recommendations as to how best to proceed with those issues. They will also recommend continuing with phase two of the project when they come back with their report.

US-40 UPDATE AND VISION

Teri Newell, Region Three Director, updated the Commission on the long term vision for the US-40 corridor. She said they met with local elected officials regarding US-40 and got their input on what they feel the biggest needs are. She showed a map of the areas with the highest traffic counts and a map of the type of facility US-40 would need to be by 2040. Another map showed the plan they have

for each section of the corridor. She said what the region is asking for today, and will be discussed and proposed in the upcoming Planning and Programming agenda item, are areas/projects where they would like see funding added to start implementing their vision. They would eventually like to see consistency in the corridor instead of what they have now, going from five lanes down to two lanes and back to five lanes. Ms. Newell said they have the vision and an implementation plan, and are now ready to start the work.

PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING

2015 STIP Amendment #5

Funding Adjustments at Award or Post Construction

Bill Lawrence, Program Finance Director, reviewed the two projects that have reached post construction and are beginning the closeout process. He requested approval to transfer the available funding for reprogramming.

Commissioner Holbrook moved to approve the transfer of funding for the adjustments at post construction, as reviewed. Commissioner Zeenati seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

SR-126; SR-107 to SR-97 Project – Scope Addition

Bill Lawrence said Region One is requesting approval to add additional scope to the SR-126; SR-107 to SR-97 project. The request will add approximately two miles of pavement rehabilitation to a project currently funded at \$7,320,000. No additional funds are needed to complete the request.

Commissioner Millington moved to approve adding additional scope to the SR-126; SR-107 to SR-97 project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barlow and unanimously approved.

Pavement Rehabilitation Program – Combine Projects

Bill Lawrence said Region One would like to combine three continuous projects on the 2016 Pavement Rehabilitation list, all located on I-15 in Weber County. They are: I-15; I-84 to SR-107, I-15; SR-104 to 700 South, and I-15; 700 South to SR-134. The new project would include the scope and funding of all three projects and would become the I-15; I-84 to SR-134 project, with a value of \$15,350,000.

Commissioner Barlow moved to approve the Pavement Rehabilitation Program list and the request to combine three projects as discussed. Commissioner Millington seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Two New US-40 Passing Lane Projects – Add to STIP

Bill Lawrence said this one of the requests mentioned earlier by Teri Newell for US-40. The Uintah Basin Environmental Study is finishing up, and was originally funded at just over \$13 million. There is about \$9 million left from that study that Region Three would like to reprogram for road projects within the Uintah Basin. The region has prioritized two passing lane projects to fund with the

\$9 million: one is the US-40; EB Passing Lane between Bridgeland and Myton for \$4.5 million, and the other is US-40; WB Passing Lane West of Myton for \$4.3 million.

Commissioner Zeenati moved to approve adding the US-40; EB Passing Lane between Bridgeland & Myton project for \$4.5 million, and the US-40; WB Passing Lane West of Myton project for \$4.3 million to the STIP. Commissioner Millington seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

US-40; Myton Bench Widening Project – Funding and Scope Addition

Bill Lawrence explained that at the April 2014 STIP Workshop, the Commission approved \$19.5 million in 2017 for the US-40; EB/WB Daniels Summit to W. Duchesne Passing Lanes project with the intent that specific locations would be identified after doing a transportation study in the area. That study is complete and Region Three is requesting approval to add \$19.5 million to the US-40; Myton Bench Widening project. This will enable the existing project to be extended from the Myton Bench area to the already widened section in Roosevelt, creating a longer distance of a consistent widened five lane section instead of having a gap between the two widened sections.

Commissioner Millington moved to approve adding \$19.5 million of ST_TIF funds to the US-40; Myton Bench Widening project, and to extend the project as explained. Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

CMPO TIP Amendment #2 – Add Project to STIP

Bill Lawrence said the Cache MPO requests approval to add a new CMAQ project to the STIP. The project name is 'Diesel Engine Emission Reduction Retrofits,' sponsored by Logan City, and was approved by the CMPO Board on January 26th. The federal aid amount is \$59,500, with a match provided by a \$40,000 state grant from the Department of Environmental Quality.

Commissioner Barlow moved to approve adding the new CMAQ project to the FY 2015-2020 STIP. Commissioner Millington seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

State Infrastructure Bank – Vineyard City Loan Extension Request

Bill Lawrence reminded the Commission that SIB guidelines state that 'any loan approved by the Commission but not executed within six months must return to the Commission for further review. The review may include continuation, adjustment or termination of the loan.' He said that an SIB loan was requested by and granted to Vineyard City for \$16.15 million in July of 2013. The loan was unexecuted, reviewed, and extended two more times, once in February of 2014 and again in August of 2014. This loan has remained unexecuted and is being brought back for another six month review, as discussions are still ongoing between Vineyard City and UPRR. There was additional discussion regarding the repercussions of extending the loan for only six more months, not beyond that, and letting it lapse.

Commissioner Barlow moved to approve extending the SIB loan to Vineyard City one last time, for six more months. Commissioner Zeenati seconded the motion.

There were comments made by the Commissioners McEachnie and Holbrook regarding their discomfort in indicating in the motion what the Commission would do in six months, rather than just extending the loan for six months.

Commissioner Barlow amended his motion to extend the SIB loan to Vineyard City for six months, as requested. Commissioner Zeenati seconded the amended motion, and it was unanimously approved.

REQUEST FOR USE OF CORRIDOR PRESERVATION FUNDS

Censyr LC/Gary Smith – Wests Davis Corridor

Lyle McMillan, Right of Way Director, reviewed a handout that was distributed containing the corridor preservation fund's budget and obligations. He noted that the information requested last month would be presented at the March Commission meeting. He then presented the request by Censyr LC/Gary Smith, who owns vacant land in Syracuse that is zoned general commercial for the majority of the property and in the path of the West Davis Corridor. It is approximately eight acres and has appraised for \$520,000. The Advisory Committee reviewed the request and recommended approval.

Commissioner Barlow moved to approve the purchase of the Censyr LC/Gary Smith property. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zeenati and unanimously approved.

LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING UPDATE

Jeff Harris, Planning Director, gave a PowerPoint presentation on UDOT's Long-Range Transportation Plan. The presentation included information on the Long-Range Planning Process, Areas of Responsibility, Planning Coordination, Urban Plan vs. Rural Plan, UDOT Public Outreach, Assessing Needs, Project Documentation, Utah's Unified Plan, and Next Steps

ACCOMPLISHMENTS, CONDITIONS AND NEEDS REPORT

Traffic and Safety

Robert Hull gave a PowerPoint presentation that included information on their Highway Safety Improvement program, Spot Safety Improvement program, Signing program, Signal program, education, median cable barrier and rumble strips, the journey of a crash report, the journey of crash data to safety project, crash data heat maps, and a special project called Toward Zero Deaths, a National Strategy on Highway Safety. In closing, Mr. Hull announced that he would be retiring from UDOT as of April 1st and thanked the Commission for their support through the years.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

FHWA Report

There was no report by FHWA today.

Commission Committee Reports


Commissioner Zeenati said he attended CIB last Thursday and also reported on the Dixie Transportation Expo that was held last week. Commissioner Barlow said the Corridor Preservation Advisory Committee met and one item was considered today. Commissioner Holbrook reported on the JPAC meeting she attended, and Commissioner McConkie said he will attend TransCom next week. Commissioner McKeachnie said his next committee meeting is in two weeks.

Upcoming Transportation Commission Meetings

The next regular Utah Transportation Commission meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 20, 2015, in Cedar City, Utah. The following meeting dates for 2015 have been scheduled:

April 16-17, 2015 – Salt Lake City
May 21-22, 2015 – Brigham City
June 25-26, 2015 – Park City
July 2015 – No meetings scheduled
August 13-14, 2015 – Richfield
September 10-11, 2015 – Layton
October 15-16, 2015 – Provo
November 12-13, 2015 – Hurricane
December 11, 2015 – Salt Lake City

The meeting adjourned at 11:43 a.m.



LeAnn Abegglen, Commission Secretary